

Prince Hassan looks into labour problems

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday afternoon visited a Ministry of Labour and listened to an explanation from Amr Ajlouni about his ministry's accomplishments and future programmes to promote a Jordanian labour market.

Prince Hassan also heard a report from Mr. Ajlouni about a work of the three committees studying changes in the labour market. They deal with easing emigration of Jordanian labour and foreign labour.

danian workers Wednesday suggested several measures to restrict such emigration.

It proposed the construction of houses for workers, the implementation of the proposed social security law, a prices policy linked to wages, increased work opportunities and the use of untapped labour resources.

The committee also calls for the conclusion of a number of agreements with Arab countries to regulate the flow of Jordanian labour.

68.35% PASS TAWJIHI EXAM

AMMAN (JNA). — A total of 11,843 out of 17,327 students -- or 68.35 per cent -- have successfully passed the tawjihi secondary school examinations for 1977, Minister of Education Dr. Abdul Salam Majali announced at a press conference here Wednesday morning.

The success rate was 69.9 per cent in the arts stream; 69.5 in the scientific stream; 66.4 in commerce; 70.1 in agriculture; and 79.1 in the industrial stream.

ILO deputy arrives to talk labour

AMMAN (JNA). — The Assistant Director General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Dr. Saleh Burqan, arrived here Wednesday on a four-day official visit to confer with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and competent authorities on the labour situation.

Dr. Burqan said he carries with him a message from ILO Director General Francis Blanchard to Prince Hassan in appreciation of his address to the 38th session of the ILO held in June.

Dr. Burqan stated he will make official contacts with Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni, his under-secretary Dr. Jawad Anani, representatives of the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions and businessmen to study programmes under implementation or to be implemented by the organisation here.

Cabinet names team for U.N. desert meet

AMMAN (JNA). — The Cabinet, presided over by acting Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Samir Majali, Wednesday named a delegation to represent Jordan at the United Nations conference on deserts in Nairobi on Aug. 20 to Sept. 9.

The delegation will consist of the Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Ghazi Ghazawi, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan, Mr. Sobhan Kassem, and the Director of Studies at the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Mahmoud Jundi.

The conference will discuss ways of combatting the encroachment of the desert.

Entry to Syria tightened

AMMAN (JNA). — Security measures governing the entry of foreign nationals into Syria came into effect yesterday.

Instructions were issued by the Interior Ministry, which made it compulsory for foreign travellers to report to the nearest police station within 24 hours of arrival in the country.



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan recites prayers at the tomb of the late King Abdullah Wednesday. The King was assassinated in Al Aqsa mosque 26 years ago. (JNA photo).

Leading figures visit King Abdullah's tomb

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan paid a visit to the tomb of His Majesty the late King Abdullah Wednesday morning on the occasion of the 26th anniversary of his martyrdom.

Prince Hassan placed a wreath on the tomb and recited prayers.

He afterwards visited the tomb of His Majesty the late King Talal.

Acting Prime Minister, Dr. Abdul Salam Majali, Speaker of the Upper House Bahjat Talhoumi, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ed Ibn Zeid were other visitors to the late king's tomb along with members of the cabinet, senators, top-ranking army officers and high officials. They also paid a visit to the tomb of the late King Talal.

North Yemeni military team arrives here

AMMAN (JNA). — A North Yemeni military delegation arrived here Wednesday for a short visit to inspect military installations and acquaint themselves with training techniques.

The delegation, led by Lt.-Col. Ahmad Ali Fakhri, Director of the Commander-in-Chief's Office, was accompanied by the head of Jordan's military mission in the Yemen Arab Republic.

It was received on arrival at the airport by the director of military training, top ranking army officers and the North Yemeni ambassador here.

C-in-C confers with head of Italian air academy

AMMAN (JNA). — The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker, Wednesday conferred with Commander of the Italian Air Academy, Gen. Andrea Ninka, on military matters.

Gen. Ninka, who is heading an Italian military delegation on a five-day visit to Jordan, presented a token gift to Sharif Zeid.

The delegation, which arrived here Saturday, has already visited two air bases and frontline positions, as well as attending a military tattoo Tuesday evening.

Prince Hassan opens Building Materials Research Centre

By a Jordan Times staff correspondent

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan Wednesday opened one of the less well-known sections of the Royal Scientific Society -- the Building Materials Research Centre, which has been doing a great deal of pioneering work in the construction field.

Speaking at the opening, the Crown Prince said that Jordan has succeeded in the past few years to participate in scientific research work and prove it is capable of achieving great feats.

Jordan's geographical position in the region and its high scientific standards have enabled it to digest modern technology for its own benefit and that of its neighbours, he added.

He expressed the hope that the RSS will be capable of assuming its role alongside other scientific institutions in preparing for a number of scientific conferences in November.

"We hope the forthcoming conferences will help find ways to exploit science for the benefit of man and help determine priorities for each country according to its needs," he stated.

"Setting up such research centres and organising scientific meets require great efforts and much money," Prince Hassan continued.

He finally thanked West Germany for all its help. With such help, he stressed, the RSS will continue to promote scientific activity for the benefit of mankind.

Prince Hassan later inspected the various sections of the centre and was briefed on their work.

Dual function

The Building Materials Research Centre (BMRC), like most RSS units, has a dual function. It aims to be a vehicle for the transfer of technology from the industrialised states into Jordan and the Arab World, and it also seeks to generate indigenous Jordanian and Arab solutions to local technical problems in its field.

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The BMRC has come into its own over the past year, and it already has several breakthroughs under its young belt. Its most dramatic contributions to the local building industry have been the development of soil-emulsion blocks and fired-clay bricks, both of which have proved to be popular with Jordanians and well suited to the climate here.

It has also sought successfully to help the residents of the Jordan Valley build their traditional mud-and-clay houses in a manner that makes the houses more durable in the face of

to produce the bricks is now being opened, with the BMRC technology offered free of charge.

According to Dr. Ruhi Sharif, Director of the centre, the rationale behind the BMRC is to make use of the abundant local raw materials that are used by the building industry. These materials include, most notably, limestone, chalks, sand, gypsum, granite, kaolin, feldspar, bitumen and clays.

Prefab housing

Jordan requires some 20,000 housing units per year (let alone non-residential buildings) and the local industry is hard

200 quarries, a function that had been done by the Natural Resources Authority.

It also carries out non-destructive testing of the strength of concrete, using ultrasonic testers, and has also introduced into the local building scene methods to test the strength of concrete much more quickly than had been done before.

Part of the BMRC's successes to date is due to the fact that it has been able to combine these routine testing services with its research and development work, with a keen eye on how its expertise can be put to the immediate service of the local building industry.

Low profile

The emphasis is on applied research and problem-solving, and Dr. Sharif adds that he prefers to maintain something of a low profile in order not to raise people's expectations too high.

"We prefer to underpromise on what we can do," he says, so that people are not disappointed, for one of the main obstacles he sees in the way of the RSS in general is that many people expect such an institution to be able to come up with instant solutions to very complex problems.

The BMRC was set up initially in 1970 as part of the Ministry of Public Works, but in March 1976 it moved over to the RSS where it coupled with the RSS unit that had then been working on prefabricated housing research.

The new building that has now been opened is filled with sophisticated testing and measuring equipment, most of which has been provided by West Germany and Switzerland.

The BMRC has been designated a "regional" centre by the Arab League, though Dr. Sharif says that for the moment it is concentrating its research on the building industry in Jordan. But, as with most other units in the RSS, it is likely that technological capabilities developed in Jordan will be transferable to the other Arab states virtually intact.

The centre is funded by several government bodies within Jordan, the Arab League, and through technical aid support from Western states. Its staff is now growing to its target of 30 people, among whom will be 15 engineers.



Dr. Ruhi Sharif points to some of the miniature soil, clay and concrete block samples used in the work of the Building Materials Research Centre. (J.T. photo).

winter rains. BMRC engineers simply added an asphalt emulsion to the mud-and-clay building material, with the result that the farmers can still build inexpensive homes that are cool in the summer and much stronger to make it through the winter months.

Another technique adds cement and bitumen to the clay and mud mixture, to produce the soil-emulsion blocks that are proving so popular.

The fired-clay bricks that the BMRC has introduced into Jordan are eight times stronger than traditional concrete blocks, and allow the construction of a three-storey building where only one would have risen before.

As the clay for the bricks is found locally in abundant quantities, a commercial plant

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Discuss future plans with associates and come to a better understanding. Strive for greater success in the days ahead.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Come to a greater accord with co-workers and relieve tensions. Don't neglect routine duties early in the day.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Contact congenials early in the day and plan recreations for later in the day. Avoid one who could cause you to spend too much money.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) A time to contact trusted friends who can give you the data you need. Concentrate on family affairs at this time.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Be more thoughtful of friends and help them with their troubles. Cement better relations with associates. Strive for happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your surroundings and make plans for improving personal property. Be sure to budget your money carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Take time for health treatments and improve your appearance. Be with congenials later for social pleasures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Good day for research work that can yield that data you need. Strive for greater rapport with the one you love.

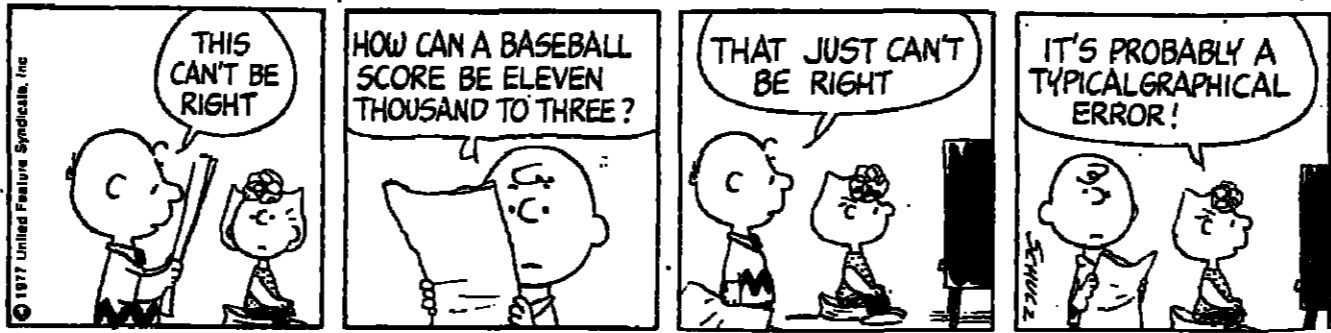
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your friends hold the key to your success today so be sure to see as many of them as possible. Be wary of a troublemaker.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to gain the esteem of higher-ups today and get excellent results. Use extreme care in motion at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Getting into new activities is wise now since this could lead to greater success in the future. Sidestep a foe.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Use your hunches and try to please closest ties. Avoid those who are jealous and could do you harm. Increase your happiness.

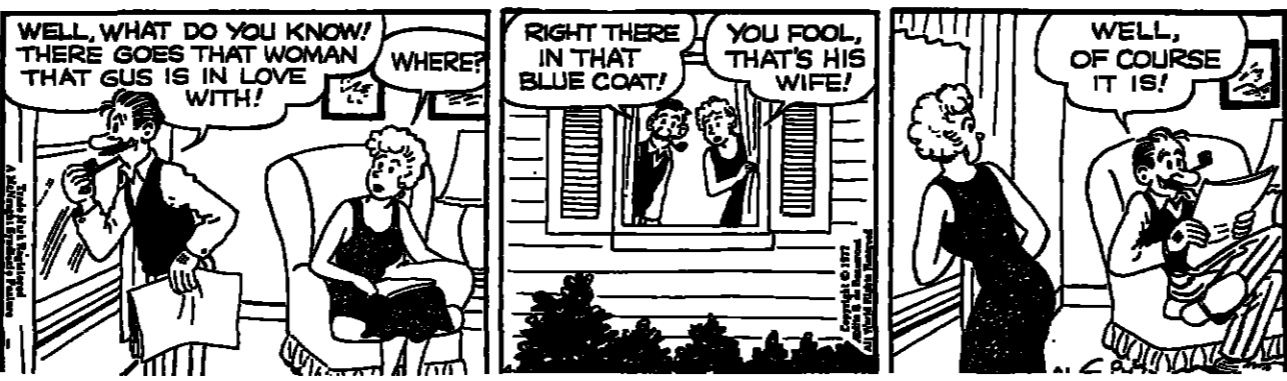
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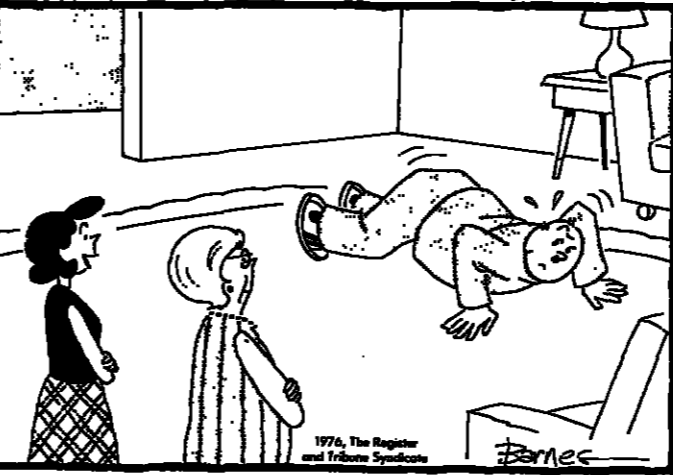
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In times of spiritual decline there is more talk of the rights of man than of his duties.

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North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 2
♥ A Q 8 7
♦ 10 5 2
♣ K Q 3

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ K 10 3
♦ 9 7 4
♣ J 10 8

EAST
♠ Void
♥ J 9 6 2
♦ J 8 6
♣ 9 7 6 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K 7 6 5 4 3
♥ 5 4
♦ A K Q 3
♣ A

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
5 NT Pass 6 ♠ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠.

Trump Coup Tommy had not been to the club for a while, but the members never ceased to talk of his exploits. Many were the tales of the bidding and playing atrocities he had committed in the simplest contracts. Yet they spoke in awe of his peculiar knack of performing brilliantly whenever trumps broke badly. Several recalled this hand.

North was fortunate in getting Tommy as a partner in one of his saner moments. For once, Tommy conducted an intelligent auction. With two heart losers, Blackwood might not have solved Tommy's problems, so he initiated a cue-bidding sequence. After learning that partner had first-round heart control, Tommy leaped to five no trump—the Grand Slam Force, which requested

partner to bid seven spades with two of the top three trump honors. North's sign-off was mildly disappointing. West led the jack of clubs.

and kibitzers saw at once that here was a hand tailor-made for Tommy. With the bad trump break, it seemed certain that declarer would have to lose two trump tricks.

Tommy won the opening lead and led a low trump. Had West played low, Tommy intended making the safety play of the nine. But West split his honors; Tommy won the ace and a

warm glow suffused his body when East showed out. For him, the ensuing trump reduction play was routine.

Tommy ruffed the queen of clubs, cashed his three high diamonds and successfully finessed the queen of

hearts. He ruffed the king of clubs, crossed to the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart. Now he led his last diamond, and West was fixed.

If West ruffed low, dummy would overruff with the nine and West would be held to

one trump trick. But ruffing high proved no better. Declarer stuffed a heart from

dummy and West had to lead from his Q-8 of trumps into declarer's combined K-9 tenace.

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 1. Trifle
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 10. Parsley camphor
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 12. Supple
 13. Styptic
 14. Hoed
 15. Card in faro
 17. Hymin
 18. Exclude
 20. Fitted to a mortise
 22. South wind
 24. Smear
 25. Catnip
 27. Kangaroo bear
 31. Diverse
 35. Black
 36. Territory
 37. Biddy
 40. Vivacity
 42. Milk sugar
 44. Otherwise
 45. Garden flowers
 46. Roll of film
 47. Long time
 SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE
 DOWN
 1. Enterprise
 2. Aunt in Madrid
 3. Pilters
 4. Ration
 5. Tended a garden
 6. As written, music
 7. Claw
 8. Doze
 9. Initiated
 10. Cottonwood
 12. Laborer
 16. Biblical giant
 19. Aur
 21. Shawm
 23. Medical fluids
 25. Wager
 28. Loathes
 29. Altruist deposit
 30. English princess
 31. More trustworthy
 32. Expatiate
 33. Stanza
 34. Charter
 38. Legal proceedings
 41. Fish
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